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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Legislative Oversight Committee Members  
Commission for MH/DD/SAS  
Consumer/Family Advisory Committee Chairs  
State Consumer Family Advisory Committee Chairs  
Advocacy Organizations and Groups  
North Carolina Association of County Commissioners  
County Managers  
County Board Chairs  
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Area Program Board Chairs  
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Provider Organizations  
MH/DD/SAS Professional Organizations and Groups  
MH/DD/SAS Stakeholder Organizations and Groups  
Other MH/DD/SAS Stakeholders

**From:** Mike Moseley 

**Re:** **Communication Bulletin #042**  
**Revised Implementation for New**  
**CAP-MR/DD Waiver**



After carefully evaluating the impact of postponing implementation of the new CAP-MR/DD waiver, we have determined in consultation with our partners at the Division of Medical Assistance that the implementation date for the new waiver will be postponed until September 1, 2005. We believe this sixty (60) day delay will allow for a smoother transition to the new waiver.

As we previously communicated, we have responded to the Request for Additional Information (RAI) that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued related to the proposed new waiver. Based upon informal conversations with CMS we believe that we have adequately responded to their concerns and that the new waiver request will be approved in the near future. However, we recognize that July 1 is now only thirty (30) days away and that Local Management Entities, provider agencies and, most importantly, consumers and their families are concerned about having adequate time to ensure a thoughtful conversion to the new waiver. We believe that postponing the implementation date will allow us to be certain of CMS approval prior to the implementation date and will relieve some of the concern among stakeholders and waiver recipients regarding having to make the transition in a compressed timeframe.



We remain confident that the new waiver will represent a significant improvement in the services and supports provided to consumers through CAP-MR/DD waiver funding. We are committed to implementing these improvements as quickly as possible through a thoughtful and planned implementation strategy at the state, local, and individual consumer and family level.

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